

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Attn: Mail Stop Amendment  
Hiraku Kawasaki : Patent Art Unit: 1794  
Serial No. 10/554,709 : Examiner: Gregory D. Clark  
Filed: October 27, 2005 : Confirmation No. 9367  
For: PLATE MATERIAL AND :  
MANUFACTURING METHOD :  
THEREOF :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH CERTIFICATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. references and a copy of the Japanese Office Action issued in a corresponding application and citing the references are attached.

I hereby certify that each item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

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